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OK I'm taking this apart since no one else will.

1 The living wage

The living wage is not law. No one is obliged to pay it & only about 7,000 employers in the UK do so. Thus there is 'no requirement' in the UK just as there is none in the EU.

Contrast the minimum wage ..



.. which, subject to exceptions IS mandatory in those countries which have one.

Setting minimum wages is not an EU competence. Each (sovereign) member state decides whether to have one & how much it should be. This, it is misleading to have an EU column in the graphic ..

.. anyway.

FWIW, France & Germany's min. wage is about the same as ours. Ireland, The Netherlands & Luxembourg have significantly higher minimum wages. Source:

https://t.co/gNOhlJKsCI

2 Sick pay

This is proving easier than I thought. 1st, note that sick pay is not an EU competence. Each (sovereign) member state sets its own. So it's misleading to compare the UK with the EU. 2nd, the graphic glides over the AMOUNT of sick pay &

.. here the UK ranks pretty much bottom. See the map. Note that German workers receive 100% pay when sick. ..

Sick Leave - The Map



.. 3rd there is the stupid 'no minimum' in the EU column. I don't follow. The 28 week period for the UK is a maximum. Why are we comparing max. with min? What does that even mean? In fact, the UK compares badly in this field & I'm just going to leave this extract from ..

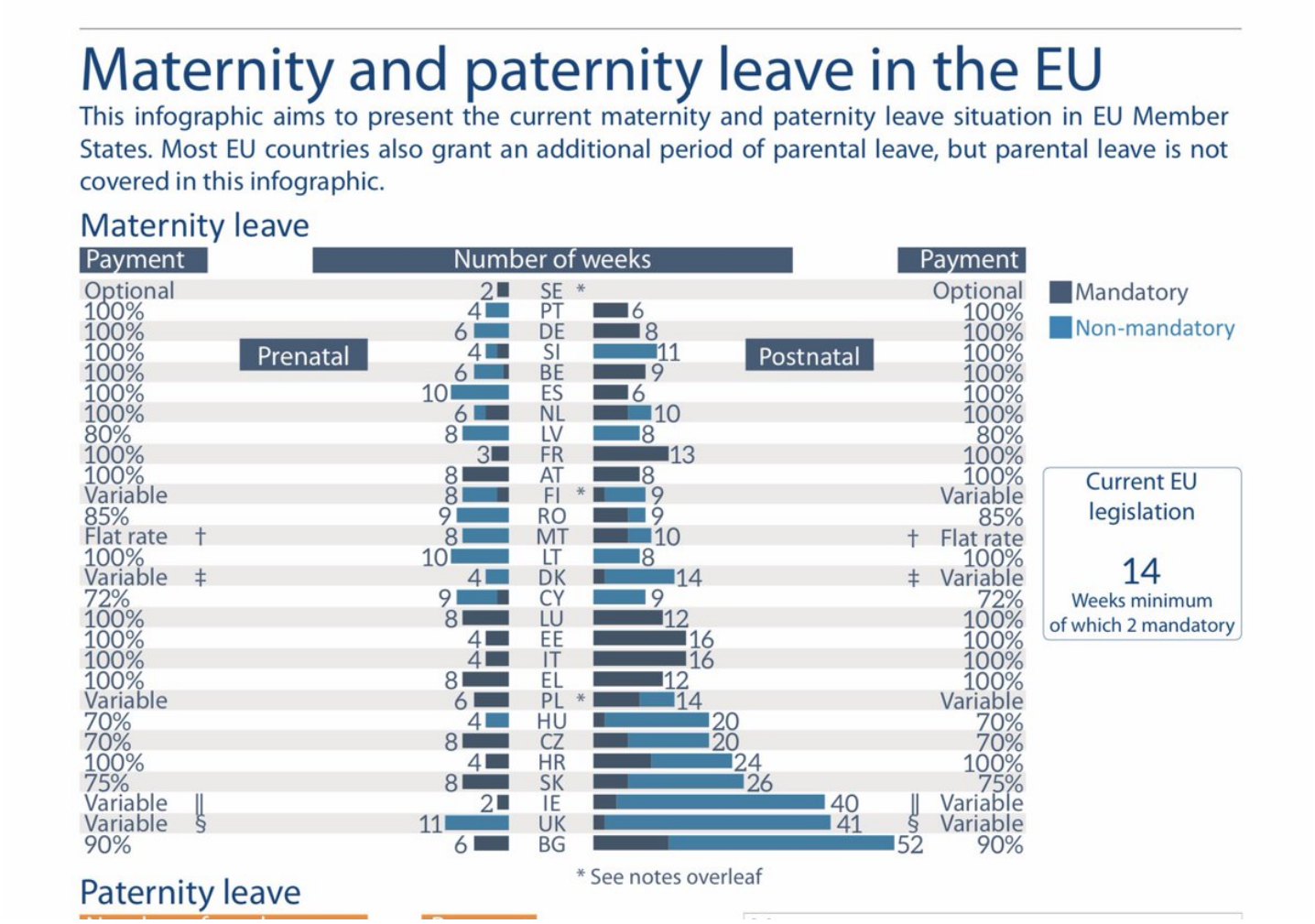
.. an article in The Independent from 2016. There's no reason to think anything has changed. 'The UK is the least generous'.

Sick pay is especially generous in the Netherlands

Workers there can be sick for 104 weeks, or two years, and still get 70 per cent of their salary. The UK is the least generous, offering 28 weeks paid leave.

3 Maternity

The EU sets a minimum level of paid maternity leave at 14 weeks leaving it to (sovereign) member states to advance on that if they choose. This table shows how far each has done so. ..



.. Now, it's true the UK looks pretty good there but when it comes to pay (which is kinda important imho) there are 2 things:

• the last 13 weeks of UK maternity leave are unpaid, &
• the Daily Mail no less reports TODAY that 'Maternity pay in the ..

https://t.co/A7QFyWkI5i

.. UK is the third lowest in the European Union, according to a study published today.'

Only Greece & Luxembourg do worse.

4 Annual leave

I dealt with this earlier today, replying to a Tory MP who has been sent out armed with this bullshit to gaslight everyone. He's not ..

.. bern enjoying the feedback judging by those he is blocking. Anyway, here's the tweet, itself another short thread.

In short, Tory lies & misinfo which should be challenged. In fact, where's Labour's response? This was clearly timed ..

https://t.co/geziaNkLhE https://t.co/T8C6UgtFRr

> The Tory MP is either a liar or a moron or both. Others can pick the rest of this apart but I\u2019ll focus on the false claim about annual leave.
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> \u2022 The Working Time Regulations implement the Working Time Directive. So this ignorant idiot is bragging about a European law.
> \u2022 ERG .. https://t.co/34EaveQQvm
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> — Clive Wismayer \U0001f1ea\U0001f1fa\U0001f1f3\U0001f1f1 \U0001f96a (@CliveWismayer) January 26, 2021

.. to distract from yesterdays commons vote so you would think it would occur to someone to counter it.

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